INTERVAL:
"SHOPPING"

HEY, MASARU!
YOU'LL CARRY THEIR BAGS, ALL RIGHT? YOU ARE A MAN, SO IT'S UP TO YOU TO DO IT!
YES.
POOR MASARU... HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CARRY ALL THEIR BAGS! IT'S OUR DUTY TO HELP HIM!
Plus, we have to protect the girls from suspicious characters!
HOP
HOP
HOP
TO THINK THEY LIVE WITH US!! ... IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
OH! ... SHIROGANE! MISS LISELOTTE! ... THEY ARE SO PRETTY!!
HE HE HE
WELL... SEE YOU LATER!
You are the suspicious ones!!
IDIOTS! I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A GOOD REASON TO STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE!! FINISH YOUR TASKS ALREADY!!

NAKATA

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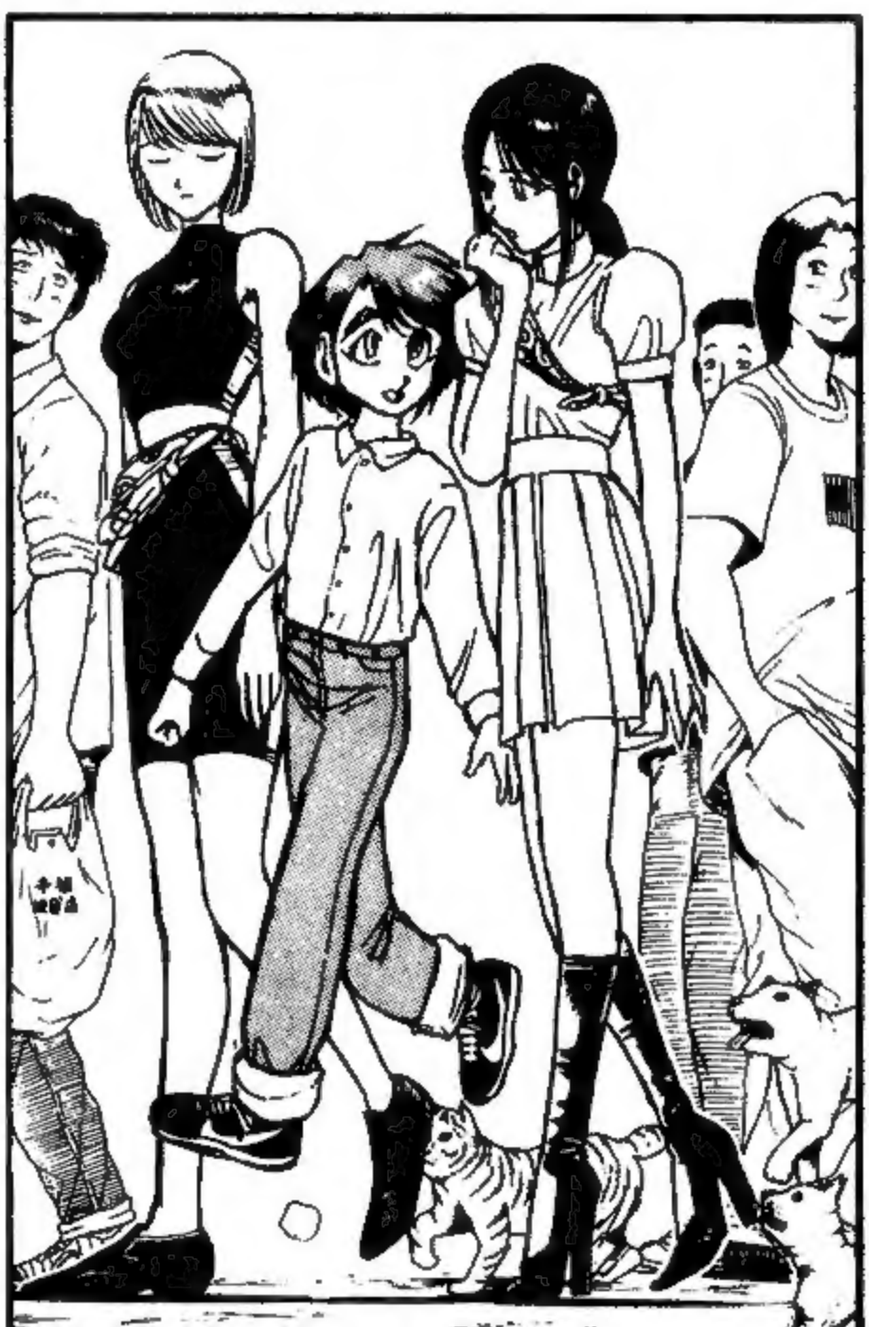
SO... YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WANT TO KILL YOU BECAUSE OF ALL THAT MONEY YOU INHERITED FROM YOUR FATHER?
WHAT A STORY!



WHY IS THAT?
SAY, TARANDA... I'D LIKE YOU TO NOT TALK ABOUT THIS TO THE NAKAMACHIS RIGHT NOW...

THEY ARE VERY NICE, BUT...
ONCE FACED WITH A LOT OF MONEY, I'VE SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE'S BEHAVIOR CHANGE RADICALLY!
...I'M REALLY AFRAID TO TELL THE OTHERS THAT I'M SO RICH ...
BESIDES, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE MUCH SAFER...
...NOT KNOWING WHO THE YOUNG MASTER IS!
...I UNDER-STAND...
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH, MASARU, I WON'T TELL ANYBODY...
YOU ARE KIND, TARANDA.
HUH?!
BUT ...
YOUNG MASTER, I HAVE ALREADY SAID THIS MANY TIMES...
YOU COULD BE A TARGET OF CRIMINALS AT ANY TIME!
THEREFORE, I ADVISE YOU TO REMAIN INCONSPIC-UOUS IN THE CROWD.
YES ...

GOOOH!
I'M GONNA GO LOOK AT HER FROM THE FRONT !!
SHE MUST BE A MODEL!
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE'S SO SLENDER!
IS THAT HER REAL HAIR COLOR?
WOW!! DID YOU SEE THAT HOTTIE?!
WHAT A BEAUTY!

CAN I GET AN AUTO-GRAPH?!
YOU LOOK SMALLER THAN ON TV! BUT THAT MAKES YOU EVEN CUTER!
WHAT COURAGE!
YES! I SAW YOU ON THE NEWS! I HEARD THAT YOU HAD COME FROM THE UNITED STATES TO FACE THIS BEAST ALL BY YOURSELF!
SAY, MISS! AREN'T YOU THE TAMER WHO BEAT THAT HUGE MAN-EATING TIGER?
BRLO
RLO
MM

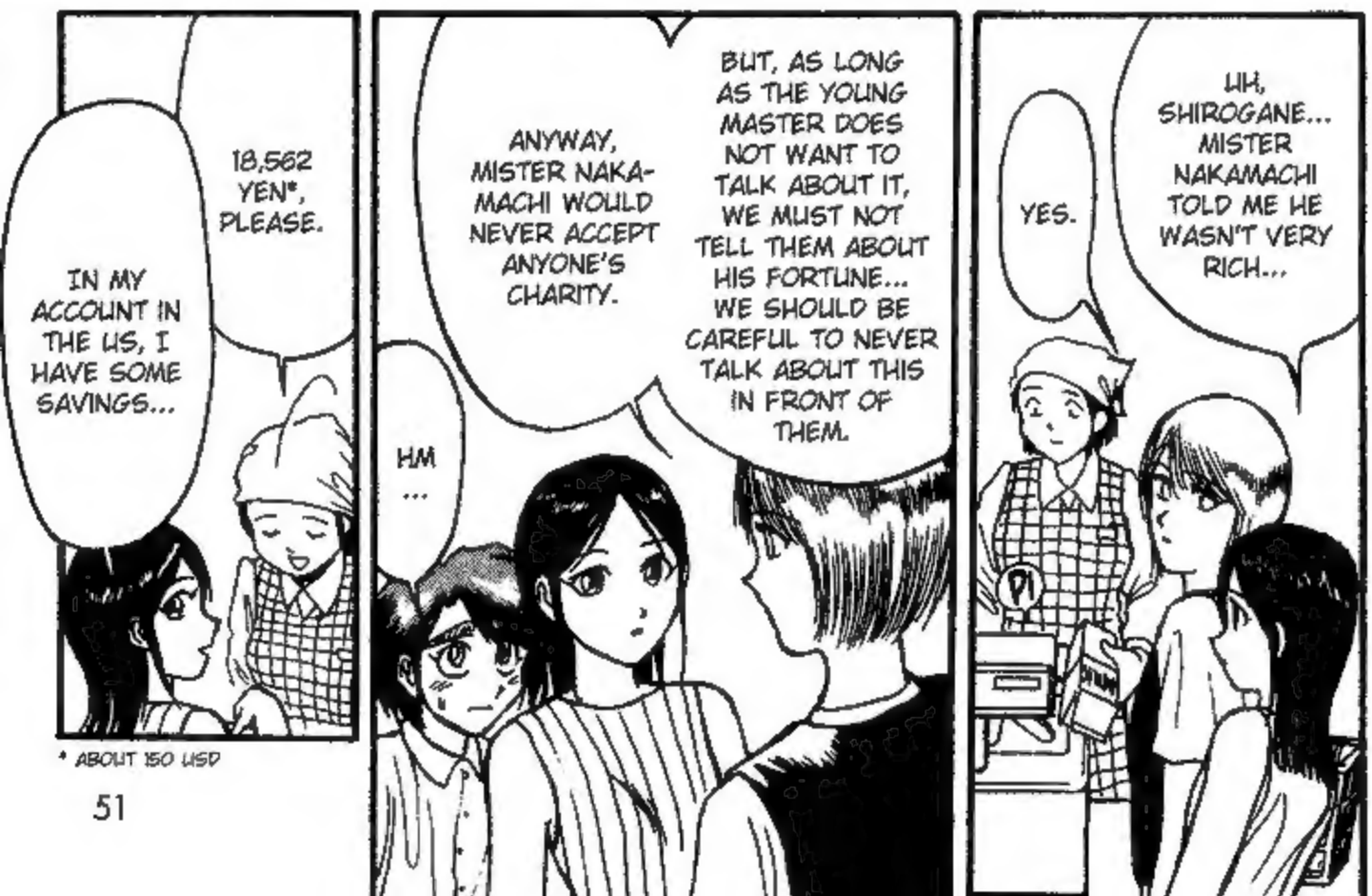
BOING!

VOMF

VÊTEMENTS DE MARQUE LAFRIM
SBLING
BLANG
BLONG
SALE 30%
VÊTEMENTS DE MARQUE LAFRIM
SALE 70%
SALE 3,000
I AM BUT A SIMPLE PUPPET-EER...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE VERY PRETTY, SHIRO-GANE!
I DID NOT THINK THAT A SIMPLE TRACKSUIT COULD DRAW SO MUCH AT-TENTION!
SOLDES
GIVE US NORMAL CLOTHES!
SHIROGANE, YOU'RE THE MOST CONSPIC-UOUS ONE AMONG US!
THANK YOU FOR WAITING ...

MASARU!
WOW!
TA-RANDA ...
THE YOUNG MASTER IS NOT USED TO ANSWERING THAT KIND OF QUESTION.
MASARU, DON'T I LOOK TOO WEIRD IN THESE CLOTHES?
GOOHH...
DOGS AND CATS FROM THE NEIGH-BORHOOD ALL COME TO YOU...
EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T GET ALONG!
AND YOU, YOU HAD A FIGHT WITH ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS.
YES... YOU'RE ALL HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?
STOP!
PFFH
GRRR
QUAF!!
YOU DON'T GIVE THEM A REWARD, BUT THEY LISTEN TO YOU ALL THE SAME! THIS PROVES THAT YOU REALLY ARE A TAMER!
WOW!

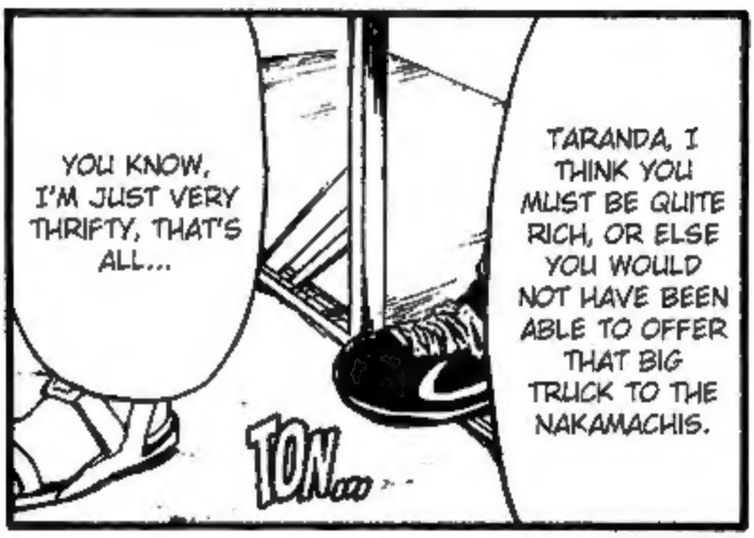
OH YEAH?
THE OTHER ANIMALS SMELL IT AND THEY'RE AFRAID OF THAT.
SINCE I'VE LIVED WITH DRUM FOR A LONG TIME, HIS SCENT IS STILL VERY STRONG AROUND ME...
BUT, AT THE MOMENT, THE DOGS AND CATS AREN'T VERY COMFORTABLE WITH ME...
RAISING PETS BY GIVING THEM REWARDS IS NOT A GOOD METHOD. THAT'S WHAT I WAS TAUGHT ... ALL THEY'LL WANT AFTERWARDS WILL BE TO OBTAIN FOOD ... IT WILL BE THEIR ONLY MOTIVATION.
HEHE... HE LOVES SLEEPING, SO...
HE'S NOT TOO SAD?
I CAN'T TRAVEL FREELY WITH HIM, SO PROFESSOR MARUKI ASKED AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS WHO WORKS IN A BIG ZOO TO TAKE CARE OF HIM... DRUM IS IN THAT ZOO AT THE MOMENT.
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU LEAVE DRUM?
THERE IS ANOTHER REASON ...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. SO YOU CAME HERE TO AVOID THEM.
WHAT BOTHERS ME MOST IS ALL THESE TV PEOPLE. THEY WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE...
...I ASKED TO JOIN THE NAKAMACHI CIRCUS.
I REALLY WANTED TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, MASARU! THAT'S WHY ...


IN MY ACCOUNT IN THE US, I HAVE SOME SAVINGS...
18,562 YEN*, PLEASE.
ANYWAY, MISTER NAKAMACHI WOULD NEVER ACCEPT ANYONE'S CHARITY.
BUT, AS LONG AS THE YOUNG MASTER DOES NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, WE MUST NOT TELL THEM ABOUT HIS FORTUNE... WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL TO NEVER TALK ABOUT THIS IN FRONT OF THEM.
HM ...
UH, SHIROGANE... MISTER NAKAMACHI TOLD ME HE WASN'T VERY RICH...
YES.

* ABOUT 150 USD

ANYWAY, TARANDA AND I WILL HAVE TO MANAGE DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES...
...GOLD CARD?
CAN I PAY WITH THIS MAMEX GOLD CARD?

A CIRCUS LIKE THAT PAYS ITS ARTISTS VERY WELL.
YOU WERE A FIRST-RATE ARTIST IN A FAMOUS AMERICAN CIRCUS...

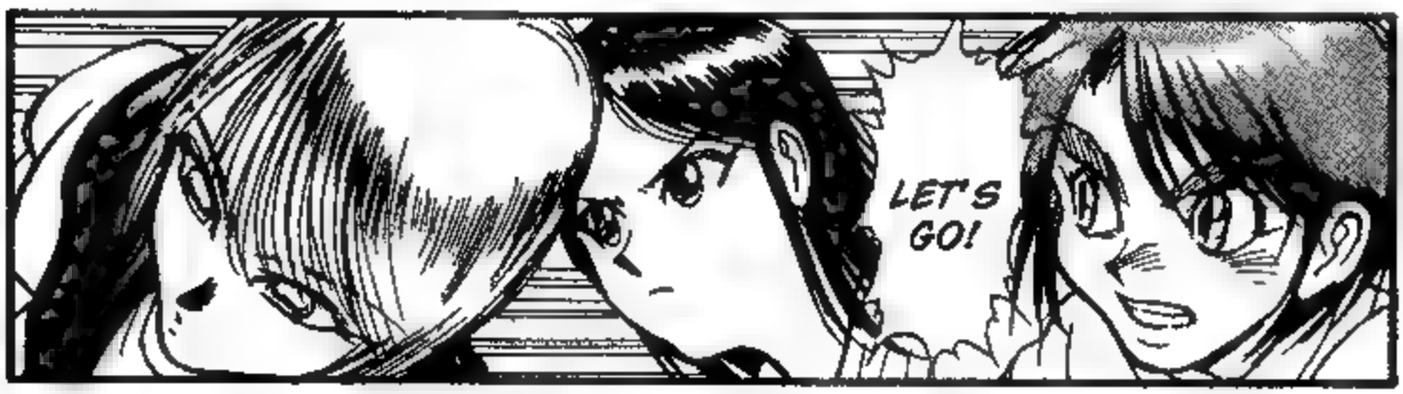

YOU KNOW, I'M JUST VERY THRIFTY, THAT'S ALL...
TARANDA, I THINK YOU MUST BE QUITE RICH, OR ELSE YOU WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER THAT BIG TRUCK TO THE NAKAMACHIS.

TWO GREAT CIRCUS ARTISTS TALKING ABOUT IMPORTANT THINGS!
THEY SEEM TO GET ALONG VERY WELL...

AND YOU, SHIROGANE, I HEARD YOU WORKED IN PLACES LIKE THE CIRCUS OF CUNY IN SWITZERLAND, AND THE SARAZANI CIRCUS FROM GERMANY! IS THAT TRUE?
YES.
THAT'S FANTASTIC! THOSE ARE VERY GOOD CIRCUSES!

...
OH?! YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT "NATTO"?

* NATTO: VERY FERMENTED BEANSPROUTS. NATTO IS EATEN AS A SIDE DISH (MOST OFTEN WITH RICE). KNOWN TO BE GOOD FOR DIGESTION AND FULL OF VITAMINS (AND INFAMOUS FOR ITS STRONG, BAD SMELL), BUT NOT ALL JAPANESE PEOPLE LIKE THIS.
THEY'RE FERMENTED BEAN-SPROUTS... ALMOST ROTTEN.
PLOP
MY FATHER WAS JAPANESE. HE'S THE ONE WHO MADE ME TASTE IT ...
WE USED TO EAT IT FOR BREAK-FAST.
I BOUGHT IT BECAUSE I LOVE IT!
THERE YOU HAVE IT! IN FACT, THEY'RE TWO GREAT ARTISTS TALKING ABOUT VERY TRIVIAL THINGS...
IF YOU HEAT IT UP WELL, IT DOESN'T SMELL AS BAD!
BUT.. ROTTEN FOOD...
NN...
YOUNG MASTER... I HAVE TRIED TO APPRE-CIATE...
... EVERY-THING YOU LIKED.
VR.R.OOMM
HE TOOK THIS OLD LADY'S HANDBAG!!
SILVER BANK
CENTRAL BANK
LOANS AT THE LOWEST RATES
IT'S A THIEF! STOP HIM!!



GROOOO

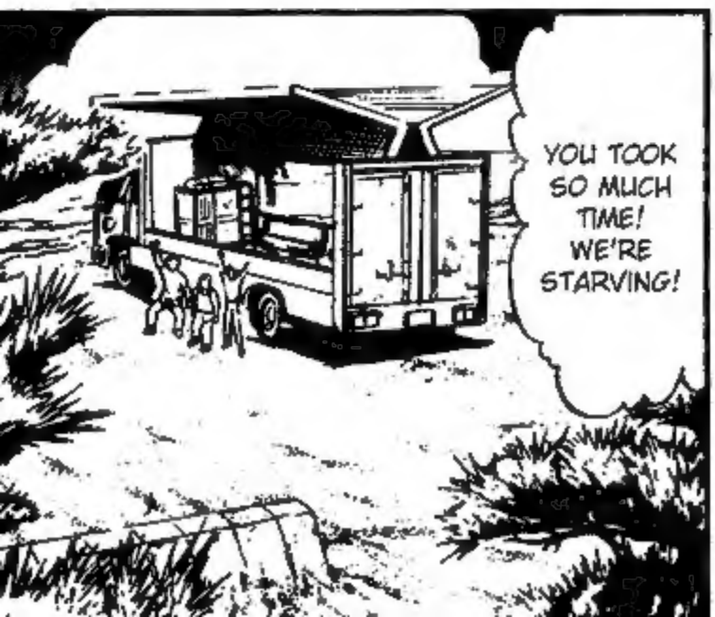
VRRA
EEHH! LET GO, YOU FILTHY BEASTS!
...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YA!?
DAN
SHIT!
BRLOYM
VWHH

DAN DAN DAN
WAAA! WHO THE HECK ARE YA?!
BAT
SAH
GET OUTTA MY WAY, BRAT! GET LOST!
SPA
AH

IT'S REALLY TOO BAD...
BRAVO!!

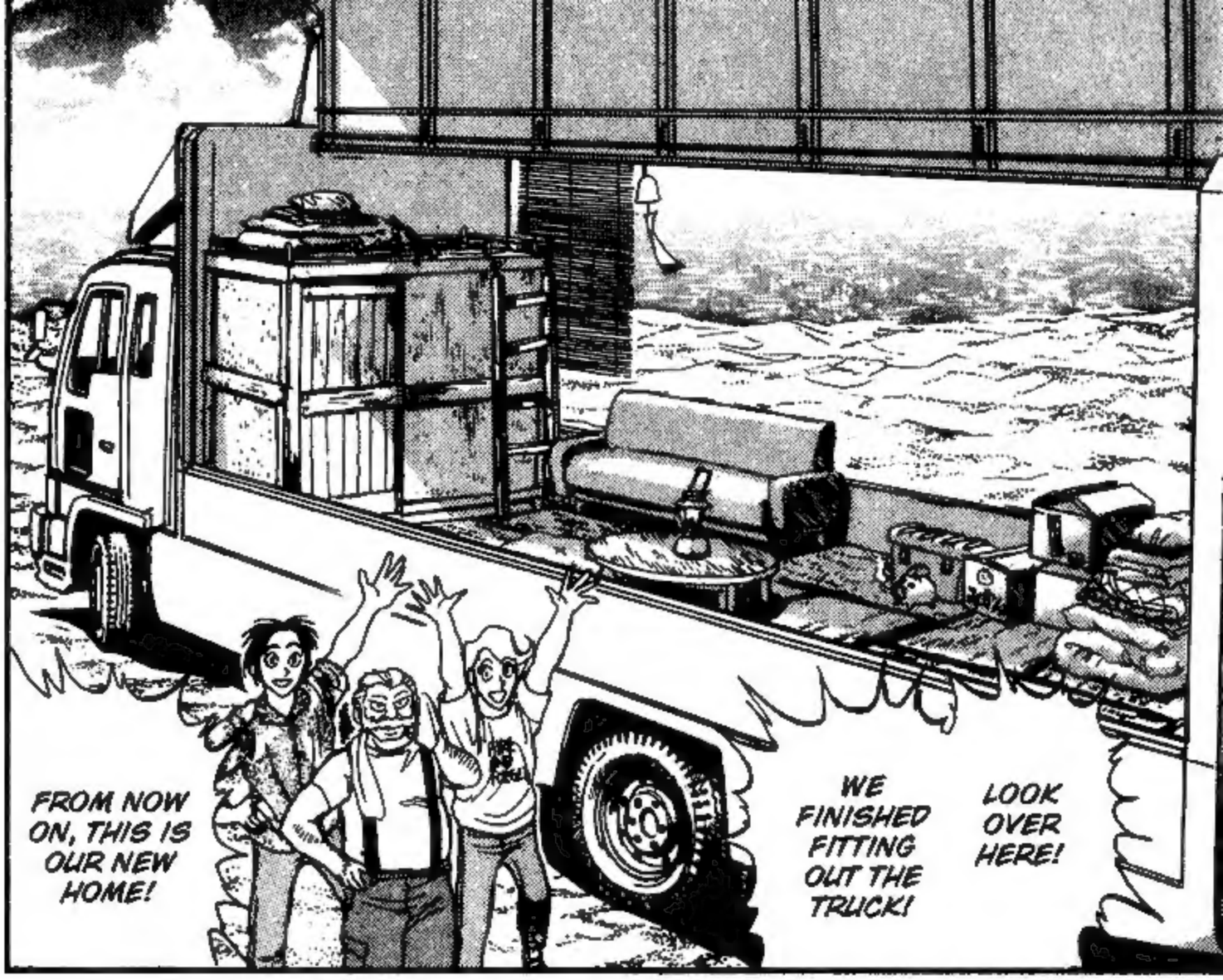
SILVER BANK
CENTRAL BANK
BUT THERE ARE ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WHO GET TO APPRECIATE THE EXTENT OF THEIR ART ...
SHIROGANE AND TARANDA ARE FIRST-RATE ARTISTS WHO HAVE WORKED IN WORLD-FAMOUS CIRCUSES.

HEEEY!


YOU TOOK SO MUCH TIME! WE'RE STARVING!

OF COURSE, I'M NOT THINKING ONLY ABOUT THEM...

I HOPE THAT MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL GET TO WATCH THEM IN THE FUTURE.


FROM NOW ON, THIS IS OUR NEW HOME!
WE FINISHED FITTING OUT THE TRUCK!
LOOK OVER HERE!

YES! I HOPE THAT MANY PEOPLE DISCOVER THE NAKAMACHI CIRCUS...

...
I STILL HAVE A HARD TIME IMAGINING SUCH A THING HAPPENING
...
YET...